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**Patent Application**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: